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25X1 1. In early October 1952, [redacted] the construction department of the Ministry of the Interior (Bureau for Economic Affairs) was supervising construction work on the following projects:  
Project Nordost including the construction of barracks installation near Torgelow and Prora-Binz.<sup>1</sup>  
Project Vogel, on which details were not available.  
Project Dienst fuer Deutschland including the construction of single-story hutment buildings at Ferdinandshof near Pasewalk and Anklam. Gummritz is the detaining point for the construction project Nordost. An average of 400 carloads of construction materials was unloaded there daily. From 8 to 10 carloads of sections of prefabricated houses were daily unloaded at Ferdinandshof.<sup>2</sup> The construction department of the Ministry of the Interior moved from Schneller Strasse to Clinika Strasse in Berlin.<sup>3</sup>

25X1 2. In late September, [redacted] barracks installations for the Volkspolizei (VP) were under construction at Altwarp, Eggesin I, Torgelow I (north), Torgelow II (middle) and Torgelow III (south). Construction sites Torgelow I through III are east of Torgelow and south of Eggesin. A total of about 75 barracks buildings is scheduled for construction in the northeast portion of East Germany. During the reported period, 8 barracks buildings were under construction at Altwarp and 10 at Eggesin and Torgelow. Construction work at Torgelow was executed by the Bauunion Nordost and the Bauunion in Erfurt. The Bauunion in Halle was ordered to construct a road between Torgelow and Eggesin. Eight barracks buildings and an administrative building were under construction at Prenzlau airfield.<sup>4</sup>

25X1 3. The building of the barracks was registered as government order [redacted]. The Bauunion Nordost has assigned a total of 4,500 workers to these projects. However, sizable numbers of VP personnel also participated in construction work. The VPs were mainly employed for excavation work and for the unloading of construction materials. Thus for instance, a total of 1,000 VP was daily employed for the unloading of construction materials near Gummritz on the Torgelow-Eggesin railroad line. During the period from 6 through 26 September, up to 200 carloads of construction material were daily unloaded there. From 6 to 22 September, 12 million bricks were unloaded.<sup>5</sup>

4. All orders relating to VP installations under construction by the Bauunion

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Nordost are given by a VP construction headquarters in Eißen, headed by VP Generalinspekteur Paessler (fmu).<sup>5</sup> Paessler exercises a close control over the Bauunion Nordost and even interferes in personnel matters. About every two weeks, all the construction sites are inspected by VI Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffmann who is usually accompanied by a large number of VP officers. Hero of Labor Tille (fmu) by order of the Central Committee of the S.D. also inspects the construction sites. The Bauunion Nordost is headed by one Willer (fmu), his deputy is Hero of Labor Teller (fmu). The Central Committee of the SED sent 15 instructors to assume charge of the political indoctrination of the workers of the Bauunion Nordost.

5. In September, source learned that the Bezirk administration in Leipzig was ordered to make available 2,000 construction workers for the construction of barracks installations in Teterow or another place with a similar name. A total of 1,500 workers were to be detached by the VEB Bauunion alone.<sup>6</sup> and 7.

25X1 6. In mid-September, [ ] a daily average of 700 carloads of construction materials was unloaded at Gumnitz on the Torgelow-Eggesin railroad line.<sup>2</sup> Single-story brick buildings whose flat roofs are covered with roofing paper were under construction on both sides of the spur track leading into the woods. [ ] signboards of the Bauunion firms from Erfurt, Gera, Dresden, Dessau and Schwerin. According to construction foremen, 12 construction firms and about 500 trucks were employed for this construction project.<sup>7</sup> [ ] a VP training field with a quartering capacity for about 40,000 men was under construction in this area. A total of 72 million bricks were allocated for this project, which will not be completed in 1952.<sup>8</sup> The entire area between Pasewalk and the border of the Polish-occupied territory of Germany is to be gradually utilized for this project. The villages in this area are to be evacuated. A road and a railroad track will allegedly be constructed from Gumnitz to the Loecknitz ammunition factory.

25X1 7. In September, [ ] single-story buildings with a quartering capacity for about 20,000 men were under construction in the Torgelow-Eggesin-Jaegerbrueck area and in the area extending from Bellin and Vogelsang as far as the border of the Polish-occupied territory of Germany.<sup>8</sup> Three mobile saw mills are in operation in these areas. Tractors and T-34 tanks are used to remove stumps. One or several airfields are allegedly under construction in the eastern part of the Torgelow-Eggesin-Jaegerbrueck triangle. Several thousand construction workers from all over East Germany are employed in the area mentioned. The ammunition factory near Torgelow is allegedly also being reconstructed. Many Soviet soldiers wearing police uniforms are attached to the VP units.

25X1 8. Prior to late September, [ ] construction work at Torgelow was being executed by the Bauunion in Pasewalk and construction firms from Berlin. A total of 2,000 construction workers who had previously worked on Stalin Allee in Berlin arrived there recently.<sup>7</sup> Several sidings were constructed near Gumnitz in the course of the last weeks, because the majority of the construction materials required for the project is being unloaded there. Loading ramps were not yet available at Gumnitz. A lane into the forest was being cut between Eggesin and Ahlbeck, allegedly for the construction of a spur track. The construction material unloaded at Gumnitz is trucked to the construction sites. Some of these trucks came from Saxony and Thuringia. The construction project at Torgelow is said to extend over three years. A VP tent camp and about 250 tanks were allegedly observed near Neumuehl.

25X1 9. [ ] comment. According to other information, the Bauunion Nordost in Prenzlau is only charged with construction work in the Prenzlau-Pasewalk-Eggesin-Torgelow area. Most of the quartering facilities required there will have to be newly constructed. The information that Gumnitz is the main detraining point for construction material is correct. The construction project near Prora-Binz on Ruegen Island, which is executed by the Bauunion in Potsdam, is not so extensive, because the KdF (strength through joy) settlement on the island can be utilized as barracks installations by the VP.

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25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The statements in paragraphs 1, 3 and 6 to the effect that 200 or 400 carloads of construction material were daily unloaded at Gummritz are not necessarily contradictory as the pertinent observations were made at different times. There is a possibility that the rate of shipments increased from 200 to 400 carloads daily from mid-September to early October.

25X1 3. [ ] Comment. The move of the Bureau for Economic Affairs was reported previously.

25X1 4. [ ] Comment. Only 18 of the 75 barracks buildings are under construction.

25X1 5. [ ] Comment. This refers to VP Inspekteur Pressler (fmu), chief of the construction department in the Bureau for Economic Affairs. Pressler is responsible for military construction projects on Ruegen Island and in the Prenzlau-Pasewalk-Eggesin-Torgelow area.

25X1 6. [ ] Comment. Teterow should probably read Torgelow.

25X1 7. [ ] Comment. The employment in the Eggesin-Torgelow area of several Bauunion firms from other districts of East Germany underlines the extent and urgency of these military construction projects.

25X1 8. [ ] Comment. It is believed that these single-story buildings will be used as temporary troop quarters, because the barracks installations under construction there will not be completed by the beginning of this winter.

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